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School Days**Replace Summer Daze...**

School days replace summer daze next Wednesday when the yellow buses roll again.

Until students make the transition, the daze may continue for days.

There won't be all that much different from a year ago in the hallowed halls. Not right away, anyhow.

There will be fewer new faculty faces than in other years. Then there'll be fewer faculty faces with inflation inroads cutting the staff some.

That self-same inflation may mean some changes before many weeks go by.

With the advent of colder weather will come heat. Hopefully! How much is the question.

Gas or oil, costs already are way up there and climbing faster than a student can think of reasons for not going to school. Now kids may have a new excuse. It's too cold in class.

Norwell schools already have kept thermostat settings lower the last couple of years. They've reduced lighting to minimum needs. There's another alibi for students. It's too dark in school.

It may be even chillier this time around, though. With oil prices at 78 cents per gallon projected to hit 95 cents and more this winter, the school budget is going to be bent out of shape.

Then there's supply. Early apprehensions there wouldn't be enough oil to go 'round have alleviated. But they haven't disappeared entirely.

It all depends on a variety of factors.

A nice, long Indian Summer would help. Say all the way to March. Especially since this summer wasn't the hottest as summers go. Still, ere long, everybody will wish it was back, bummer or not.

On the other hand, an Eskimo-type winter, and maybe talk about eliminating spring

Cold Facts To Follow Soon

vacations in favor of extending mid-winter recesses to keep schools closed longer may become more than conversation. It may come as news to most students today, and maybe to young parents as well, but they clamped schools shut one winter during the war. World War I, that is. There wasn't enough coal.

Another factor is OPEC. New England weather is more reliable. The Farmer's Almanac far more so. Let the Arabs decide they need more U.S. bucks to buy more U.S. property or a few sheiks hanker for larger harems, and it will be shiver time.



Regarding supply, it does nothing for a sense of security that on top of shipping oil all the way to Japan while importing it all the way from Indonesia we're now returning some to Iran. No way that's what a lot of folks would like to ship the Ayotolla. Maybe there'll be a course at school to explain the process.

The AFS student exchange program may find a lot of kids want to go Florida and the Caribbean instead of Europe and Asia. Trouble will be getting Florida and Carib kids to swap.

This week, of course, will find a lot of

last-minute back-to-school shopping with an eye to what may come to pass, there may be changes in purchase priorities.

Heavy, warm sweaters should be in vogue.

If students persist in freezing for fashion and wearing flimsy jeans, long underwear could make a major comeback.

Those down-filled jackets that make one look like two pouter pigeons may be in as indoor wear.

It could come to ski masks.

Kids may have to learn to write all over again wearing gloves.

The day of small classes may be numbered. After all, the more bodies huddled together, the more warmth. And the fewer classrooms to heat.

Gym, should become far and away the most popular class. Jumping up and down helps keep the old blood circulating. And young blood, for that matter.

The current rage that sees folks installing more woodstoves than you found in Maine in the old days may catch on at schools with one in every classroom. There won't be a tree left in Norwell. But what the heck! There are those who'd chop 'em all down anyway if they had their way.

Cafeteria Director John Callahan will probably rise to the occasion with a whole menu of dishes designed to keep everyone warm. Pepperoni pizza with hot Italian peppers. Mexican torrid chili. Steaming soups loaded with pepper.

It's always best to look on the bright side, though.

Students won't keep losing or forgetting rubbers, galoshes and mittens at school.

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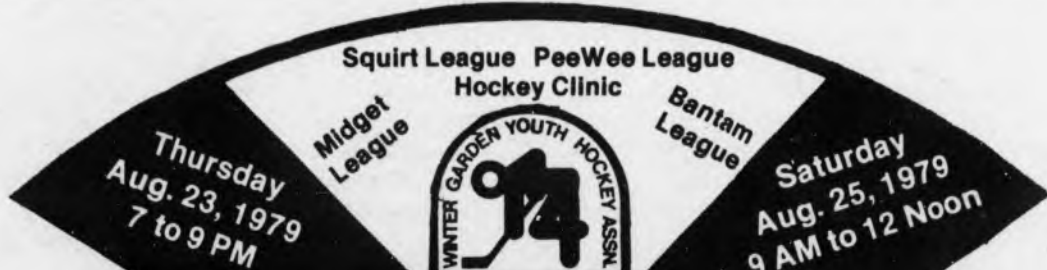
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